

Airmen receive Article 15s

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Article 15 punishments are tailored to the type and severity of the offense and the member's record. Punishment limitations are based on the commander's grade and the member's grade.

The UCMJ is one of the commander's most valuable tools for maintaining morale, good order, discipline, and efficiency. Military members convicted of off-base offenses, however, are sentenced by the British court system.

Recently, a senior airman received an Article 15 for failing to report to his duty section at the prescribed time. Punishment: reduction to airman first class.

Another airman in the wing received an Article 15 for striking an airman on the cheek with a beer bottle and another on the mouth with his fist. Punishment: reduction to airman.

The military justice section of the legal office publishes basic information on Articles 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice punishments and off-base convictions given to Lakenheath military members.

For more information about the Article 15 process, call Ext. 2480 or 2494. For more information on British law and court system, call Ext. 3553 and ask for the British liaison officer.



Photo by SrA. Robert Gerlach

CE 'takes down the wall'

Base civil engineers remove a barrier near the 48th Communications Squadron secure communications maintenance facility, Bldg. 1043. Barriers around RAF Lakenheath are being removed as part of a base beautification program.

People first

❑ Did you know that when WAPS promotions are announced, they are tentative? A thorough data verification of each selectee's record occurs immediately after selections are announced to ensure that source documents are available for each item used in the consideration. If not, it becomes very important that the individual be able to produce the document. Each member should pay close attention to their data verification record prior to each promotion cycle.

❑ Marrying a non-U.S. citizen isn't just as simple as saying "I do." Call your unit orderly room for more information.

❑ The Air Force has returned to allowing award of your 5-level prior to being promoted to senior airman.

❑ Order a performance report shell if an individual you supervise is going permanent change of station or receiving a change of reporting official on short notice. A shell won't produce automatically in these cases, according to MPF officials. Contact your

orderly room for assistance.

❑ Make sure your DD Form 93 is up to date. It's very difficult to locate your next of kin, in the event of an emergency with incorrect data.

❑ Anyone who doesn't have the retainability for a PCS assignment by the 25th day of the eighth month prior to their DEROS month needs to be aware that their DEROS can be involuntarily extended to match their date of separation.

❑ Don't be late. Those who show up one minute late for WAPS testing, in civilian clothes, or without their military identification card, will be turned away, counted as a no-show, and have to appeal to their commander for a possible reschedule.

❑ Be a good sponsor. It's very stressful to PCS overseas, and not having a sponsor can cause major problems for the newcomer. Contact your squadron INTRO manager for more information.

❑ People must complete applicable career development courses, exportables (if required) and other CFETP requirements prior to attending 7-level schools. For more information, contact your unit training man-

ager or call base training at Ext. 5139.

❑ The military personnel flight has a Microsoft Exchange address where people can ask personnel questions. Use "48MSS/MPF."

❑ Temporary tours of duty for formal training are processed by the formal training office located in the military personnel flight, Room 221, Ext. 2572

❑ When returning from contingency, exercise or mobility TDYs, check in with PRU located in the military personnel flight, room 110, Ext. 3726 or with unit deployment managers.

❑ The finance office can help people obtain any consecutive-overseas-tour benefits they are entitled to. For more information, call Ext. 1851.

❑ Those who plan to separate or retire within the next year should contact the separations and retirements office in the military personnel flight, room 215, Ext. 2438.

❑ Anyone traveling to a NATO country on orders is not required to have an official passports. If in doubt, call the base passport office at Ext. 2303.